

BRIEFING NOTICE

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1. The scope of the annual Congressional Briefing Package (260 pages and 96 graphics last year) requires a substantial head start before the Congress returns to town. The general aim is to have the completed book in DCI's hands on or about 3 January to allow time for his review, revisions, and updating/corrections before the probable opening of the briefing season about 9 January.

2. Attached are suggested outlines for the 1967 Briefing Package. These are not to be construed as exclusive, but merely provide a possible framework around which you are asked to build the briefing you consider necessary. Countries and topics can be added or omitted.

3. Last year's (and a fairly comprehensive 6 Oct 66 Briefing for the Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee) are available for inspection or copying in Presentation Staff, but are not attached because a review of January '64, '65, and '66 briefings showed a great deal of textual similarity, with only the numbers changed; it appears desirable to start from scratch with the wording to avoid a similar discovery by the intended briefees.

4. Deadlines: Contributions to Presentation Staff on or before 27 December

5. Graphics: Will be laid on as required between the submission of drafts and deadline 6 January. Present intention is to have them in Vu-Graph and Page-size

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used. But mark passages using anything above SECRET on drafts, so that the basic Congressional Briefing Book can also be used as a source [redacted] SECRET=level briefings. (i.e., slug material specially [redacted] (Soviet Military and ChiCom Military need not do so--it will be easier to take the completed section and edit it down into [redacted] ecret versions)

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Format: Standard "Hanging indent" NSC Briefing Format with complete sentences--not telegraphic style. Verbal English in straightforward declarative sentences, please.

Contents: As attached outline indicates, there will be:

Book I: Soviet Union and China

Book II: "Front Burner" Situations:

Vietnam

Southeast Asia--Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, Indonesia

NATO

France

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[redacted]
Congo

Middle-East--Ar/Isr, Jordan, Syria, Yemen

Cyprus

India

Instability in Latin America(Roundup)

Book III:

22 suggested "country papers"--two to three pages--plus any additional starters which may have been overlooked by

STATINTL

S U G G E S T E D O U T L I N E S

BOOK ONE: THE SOVIET UNION AND CHINA

SOVIET UNION: MILITARY (The Estimates Package)

I. General Statement on trends in Soviet Military
Posture.

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II.

III.

SOVIET UNION: THE ECONOMY

As ORR sees it. In addition to general discussion, should include trends in defense budget, Soviet foreign aid, Soviet military aid programs.

SOVIET UNION: DOMESTIC

The leadership, difficulties, rivalries, modus operandi, outlook.

SOVIET UNION: FOREIGN POLICY

SUGGESTED OUTLINES -3-

SOVIET UNION: FOREIGN POLICY

- A. (With FE:) Sino-Soviet Dispute
Present status, intensity, outlook.

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- B. Sov rels with satellites, world Communism, with particular ref Sino-Soviet dispute.
C. Sov rels with United States.
D. Sov rels in UN and around world by areas, briefly.

EASTERN EUROPE

In terms of trends--nationalist stances or aspirations;
views on Sino-Soviet and Vietnam to extent not
covered under Sov For Pol above;
economies--general status, coop with USSR,
efforts to trade West;
internal stability
(include Yugoslavia and Albania)

COMMUNIST CHINA

- I. The "Cultural Revolution" and general domestic sit25X1
II. ChiCom Military

- III. ChiCom Foreign Policy, ~~foreign~~ ~~trade~~
IV. ChiCom Economy including foreign trade

SUGGESTED OUTLINES -4-

BOOK TWO: VIETNAM AND THE FRONT BURNER

VIETNAM

- I. The War in South Vietnam.
 - A. Change in Communist Strategy?
 - B. Trends of past year:
 1. Attacks/Incidents
Non-attack incidents going up, attacks, esp. in company strength or larger, going down.
 2. Friendly and enemy casualties.
 3. Friendly and ~~xxxx~~ enemy strength.
(incl. SVN desertions, Chieu Hoi.
 4. Infiltration. DMZ and Laos.
 - C. Present status: 1) Enemy OB, capabilities.
2) Effectiveness ARVN
3) Pacification role--still means combat
- II. Political Situation in SVN.
 1. Constituent Assembly/Government
 2. Buddhists, students, montagnards.
 3. Pacification,
 4. Economy
- III. The War in the North
 - A. Effects of bombing.
 - B. Aircraft losses
 1. Per 1,000 sorties
 2. To AAA, air-to-air, SAMS
 3. Sam firings and kills, aircraft & drones.
 - C. Shipping -- trends in Free World and Soviet arrivals.
 1. Sov POL shipments.
 2. Nature of Free World shipping--muhh is Commie-chartered; most "UK-flag" are HK-registered, Commie-chartered or even operated by Chicom-directed firms.
 3. Import and export volume; what comes in by rail.
 4. General summary, Soviet and Chinese help.
 - D. DRV posture: DRV runs the war in SVN. CC members run NFLSV. DRV attitude toward third party overtures, negotiation feeders, etc. Possibly ref to hawk/dove or other factionalism in Politburo.
- IV. Brief Vietnam Summary: Status of Fighting in South and outlook; outlook for SVN Political stability; DRV attitude toward war and negotiations.

BOOK TWO CONTINUED: ELSEWHERE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

LAOS-----The fighting; the infighting.

CAMBODIA--Sihanouk's objectives
Rels with ChiComs, DRV, VC
Extent or (and evidence on) NVA/VC use of
Cambodia

THAILAND--dissidence
Thai/SVN Khmer Serei efforts
rels with US

INDONESIA--Sukarno/Suharto; Indonesian economy; debts;
Confrontation
West Iranian--the plebiscite

BOOK TWO CONTINUED: OTHER FRONTBURNERS

WHITHER NATO

FRANCE

De Gaulle's Objectives
After De Gaulle



THE CONGO

MIDDLE-EAST ROUNDUP: Arab-Israeli
Jordan
Syria
Yemen

CYPRUS

INDIA -- Food
Politics

INSTABILITY IN LATIN AMERICA

BOOK THREE: INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY PAPERS

